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## Governor Responds to Ethics Survey



On July 14, 2005, Governor Mitch Daniels responded to the Better Government Association (BGA) regarding its 2001 BGA Integrity Index. Indiana placed 34th among the fifty states surveyed by BGA in its endeavor to rank states according to the integrity of their laws. According to the BGA, the purpose of the BGA Integrity Index is not to expose individual cases of corruption or brand certain states as lacking in integrity. Instead, the BGA Integrity Index strives to encourage and foster a high degree of integrity in state governments.

In its conclusion of the BGA Integrity Index, the BGA revealed a troubling trend, all states performed poorly in an absolute sense. The best state, Wisconsin, managed to come out first with the highest score. But even the best state had such a low score that it indicates that there is a lot of room for improvement all across the United States when it comes to laws that promote integrity and fight corruption.

Since coming to office in January 2005, Governor Daniels has made [changes](#) which have strengthen the ethics law and rules. To view Governor Daniels letter to Jay E. Stewart, Executive Director of the BGA, [click here](#).

To review the BGA Integrity Index on the BGA Web site, [click here](#).

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